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From the Camp at Maſſagana, May 2. N. S.

OUR Troops having poſſeſſed themſelves of Moraleja and Coria, were ordered to advance to Caſuella, where there was great Store of Proviſions. We accordingly marched from Coria the 26th paſt, and encamped near the River Alagon. which we croſſed the next day. The Conde Surmani was ſent with 400 Horſe to ſummon the Town of Galeſteo, ſituate upon the ſame River; from whence we had Aſſurances privately given us, That tho' they did not think it ſafe as yet to declare for us, they would do it as ſoon as our Army came up, which they performed; and their Example was followed by Mirabel, and ſeveral other Places. The Marquis das Minas having received Advice the 28th, That the Duke of Berwick was at Placentia, the Army was ordered to advance thither; but he having Intelligence of our Motions, retired to Las Ventas de Mezangana. Placentia immediately ſubmitted to King Charles III. and the Marquis das Minas went directly to the Cathedral, where *Te Deum* was ſung; and his Catholick Majeſty was Proclaimed with great Acclamations and Expreſſions of Joy from the People. The 30th he ordered the Army to march forward to attack the Enemy; and the firſt Inſtant we arrived on the Banks of the River Maſſagana, and found that the Duke of Berwick lay on the other ſide very well intrenched, with all his Horſe, and 10 Battalions of Foot he had drawn out of Badajos, and ſome Militia. Our Army began to paſs the River; the Enemy pretended to diſpute the Paſſage with us, but ſoon retired, and our Troops purſued them ſome time; after which we returned to this Place, and here we encamped, being the ſame Ground where the Enemy lay, 5 Leagues beyond Placentia, and in the High Road to Madrid.

Lisbon, May 5. N. S. Sir Charles Hara, Lieutenant-General of the Engliſh Forces, joined the Army at Alcantara the 16th of the laſt Month, as the Enemy's Gariſon were evacuating the Place. Our Troops marched from thence the 20th, and came the 24th to Coria, where they were very well received, and found a conſiderable quantity of Proviſions. The next day a great Council of War was held, all the Generals being preſent, and it was unanimouſly reſolved to proceed to Placentia, where they had Intelligence the Duke of Berwick was with the Forces under his Command. The Army marched accordingly the 26th, and got thither the 28th. The Duke of Berwick had been in the Place, and had uſed all the Arguments he could to perſwade the Inhabitants to ſtand upon their Defence; but finding he could not prevail, he would have carried away their Proviſions, or have deſtroyed them, with thoſe of the neighbouring Country, which abounds in Corn, Wine, and Cattle, being one of the fruitfulleſt Parts of Spain; but the People, and eſpecially the Clergy, would not ſuffer it. He carried away with him the Governor and the Biſhop. The moment he left the Town, they declared for their natural Sovereign King Charles III. as all the Places thereabouts have likewiſe done; and the Magiſtrates, with the whole Chapter of the Cathedral, came out a League to meet our Army. Our Troops were received at Placentia with all the Demonſtrations of a ſincere Joy, and of an entire Diſpoſition towards the Houſe of Auſtria; which Inclination diſcovers it ſelf the more the farther our Forces advance into Spain; and they are very plentifully ſupplied with Proviſions by the Country. The Duke of Berwick retired about 5 Leagues off, to a little Place called Las Ventas Mazangana, where there is a ſmall River, behind which he poſted himſelf, and caſt up ſome Works upon the Fords of that River; but by an Expreſs juſt now come in from the Army, we have Advice, that our Troops being marched thither, attacked the Enemy with great Bravery, the Foot wading up to the middle in Water, and having forced their Intrenchments, became Maſters of that Poſt, from which the Duke of Berwick retired with great Precipitation, and conſiderable Loſs. There is a flying Report, ſaid to come from ſome Deſerters, that the Earl of Peterborow having brought a Reinforcement into Barcelona, the Enemy had thereupon raiſed the Siege; and we have great Reaſon to hope, by the Silence of the French, that they do not meet with that Succeſs in the Siege which they expected. A Dutch Ship came in here the firſt Inſtant from the Streights; the Maſter whereof ſays, That the Squadron of Engliſh and Dutch Men of War under the Command of Sir John Leake was ſailed from Gibraltar; and that he met Sir George Bing's Squadron the 28th paſt very near the Streights-Mouth, with a ſtrong Wind at North-Weſt, which has blown ſeveral days, and ſtill continues.

Lisbon, May 6. Orders are ſent to the Viſcount de Fonte Arcada, who commands our Forces in the Province of Beira, to take the Field, with 10 Battalions of Militia, and ſome Horſe, which had been left behind to cover that Frontier. Don Tortudo de Mendoça, who commands in Alentejo, is likewiſe to march out into the Field, with 8 Battalions of regular Troops, and 15 of Militia, including thoſe of Lisbon, commanded by Don Pedro Dacunha, which began their March the 4th Inſtant: Beſides which, he is to have with him 600 Horſe, of regular Troops, and 1000 of the Militia of that Province.

Dublin-Caſtle, April 23. This Day being the Anniverſary of Her Majeſty's Coronation, the Lords Juſtices met at the Caſtle, where they received the Compliments of the Nobility, Gentry, and Principal Officers of State, upon the Subject of the Day: After which they entertained ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction at their reſpective Houſes; and the Day ended with ringing of Bells, Bonfires, and other Demonſtrations of Joy and Loyalty, ſuitable to the Occaſion.

Dublin, April 30. Letters from Galway give an Account, That a French Privateer of 8 Guns and 60 Men having lately been forced on Shore near the Coaſt of Connaught, Sir Henry Bingham, Governor of the County of Mayo, having drawn together about 50 Men, marched towards the Shore, and the French immediately ſurrendred themſelves Priſoners of War, and were ſent to Galway.

Falmouth, April 29. On the 27th Inſtant at Night the Great Roſe-Tree, a Dutch Privateer, ſent in here as Prize the St. Matthew of Nantz, homeward bound with Wooll and Iron from Bilboa.

Plimouth, April 30. A Squadron of Her Majeſty's Ships paſſed by this Harbour yeſterday Morning to the Weſtward, with ſeveral Merchant-men under their Convoy. At the ſame time came in here the Adventure of Briſtol, homeward bound from Rotterdam, with a Dutch Merchant-man, and 3 Coaſters from London, and the May-flower from Fowey.

Yarmouth, May 3. Her Majeſty's Ships the Ruby and Nightingale came yeſterday into our Road from the Southward, with about 100 Sail of light Colliers under their Convoy, bound for Newcaſtle; and this day ſeveral more are likewiſe come in here.

Deale, May 3. The Delitiæ arrived here yeſterday in the Afternoon from the Canaries. This Morning ſeveral of Her Majeſty's Ships came into the Downes.

Kenſington, May 4. An humble and loyal Addreſs from the Council and General Aſſembly of Barbadoes, and a like dutiful Addreſs from the Grand Inqueſt for the